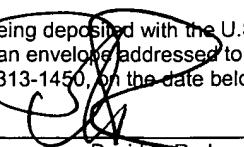




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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005 for which the three-month date for response is June 8, 2005.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to July 8, 2005, which is within the statutory period. It is believed that no additional fees for filing this brief are required. However, should the foregoing request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request

and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:607USC1.

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